



The Best Beginnings Child Care Scholarship (BBS) will have new statewide reimbursement rates effective 03/01/2024. These new statewide reimbursement rates align with the findings from the 2023 Montana Market Rate Survey. As a result of the reliable and valid Market Rate Survey, BBS rates are increasing across all child care facility types and ages of children.

Beginning 03/01/2024, the scholarship will pay either the provider’s rate or the statewide provider reimbursement rate, whichever is lower.

If you would like to update your child care facility’s rates, please fill out a new *Best Beginnings Child Care Referral Program Provider Rate Form* and turn in the form to your regional Child Care Resource and Referral agency. To have your child care facility rates effective 03/01/2024, the Provider Rate Form must be turned in by 02/23/2024.

Statewide Best Beginnings Scholarship Provider Reimbursement Rates					
Age	Full Day	Half Day	Age	Full Day	Half Day
RCE			FFN		
Infant (up to 1 yr)	\$33.75	\$17.00	Infant (up to 1 yr)	\$38.25	\$19.25
Toddler (1-2 yrs)	\$33.75	\$17.00	Toddler (1-2 yrs)	\$38.25	\$19.25
Preschool (3-5 yrs)	\$30.00	\$15.00	Preschool (3-5 yrs)	\$34.00	\$17.00
School (6+)	\$30.00	\$15.00	School (6+)	\$34.00	\$17.00
Age	Full Day	Half Day	Age	Full Day	Half Day
Family Home			Group Home		
Infant (up to 1 yr)	\$45.00	\$22.50	Infant (up to 1 yr)	\$48.00	\$24.00
Toddler (1-2 yrs)	\$45.00	\$22.50	Toddler (1-2 yrs)	\$48.00	\$24.00
Preschool (3-5 yrs)	\$40.00	\$20.00	Preschool (3-5 yrs)	\$45.00	\$22.50
School (6+)	\$40.00	\$20.00	School (6+)	\$45.00	\$22.50
Age	Full Day	Half Day	For more information, please see the reimbursement rate tables at https://dphhs.mt.gov/ecfsd/childcare/e-csbproviders		
Center					
Infant (up to 1 yr)	\$58.00	\$29.00			
Toddler (1-2 yrs)	\$58.00	\$29.00			
Preschool (3-5 yrs)	\$55.00	\$27.50			
School (6+)	\$50.00	\$25.00			

For more information:

Child Care Bureau, Website: <https://dphhs.mt.gov/ecfsd/childcare>

Child Care Policy Manual, Website: <https://dphhs.mt.gov/ecfsd/childcare/childcarepolicymanual>

Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies, Website: <https://dphhs.mt.gov/ecfsd/childcare/childcareresourceandreferral>